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1. ACCORDING TO PERMREP AND COMMISSION SOURCES MEMBER STATES ARE IN FULL SUPPORT OF COMMISSION EFFORTS TO EXPLORE WAYS TO NEGOTIATE ON TOXIC SUBSTANCES WITH THE US.

2. ACCORDING TO UK PERMDEL SOURCE, THE UK, ALTHOUGH IT FEELS PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE SIXTH AMENDMENT TO THE DIRECTIVE ON HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES WOULD BE DESIRABLE, BELIEVES THAT THE EC MUST TALK WITH THE US DURING THE JULY TO END OCTOBER "WINDOW" PROVIDED BY US TOSCA
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LEGISLATION. UK SOURCE POINTED OUT THAT MEMBER STATE PARTICIPATION IN TALKS SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS TYING THE COMMISSION'S HANDS. THE IMPORTANT FACTOR, HE SAID, IS THE MANDATE ITSELF WHICH GIVES THE COMMISSION A LEAD ROLE IN THE DISCUSSIONS.

3. FRG SOURCE ECHOED THIS OPINION AND SAID THERE WAS NO

NECESSARY SEQUENTIAL TIME LINK BETWEEN APPROVAL OF THE SIXTH AMENDMENT AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE US.

4. ON THE SUBJECT OF RELATIVE COMPETENCES, STANLEY JOHNSON TOLD MISSION OFFICER THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD SPEAK FOR THE MEMBER STATES AT THE MEETINGS UNLESS THE COMMISSION ASKED ONE OF THE MEMBER STATES TO ADDRESS A POINT. COMMENT: TEXT OF MANDATE CALLS ON THE COMMISSION TO PREPARE AND CONDUCT THE NEGOTIATIONS IN CONSULTATION WITH MEMBER STATE REPRESENTATIVES TAKING ACCOUNT OF ANY INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE EC COUNCIL. END COMMENT. UK, FRG, FRENCH AND ITALIAN PERMDEL SOURCES AGREED THAT COMMISSION WOULD HAVE SPOKESMAN ROLE BUT THEY DID NOT GO SO FAR AS TO SAY THAT THEY WOULD BE OBSERVERS, AS JOHNSON MAINTAINED. HINTON

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